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Sir:

Applicants submit the following comments with respect to the Examiner's remarks in the Notice of Allowance dated January 30, 2004.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicated that the JP reference (JP 9-083071) filed with the IDS of October 31, 2003 was not considered because "it was not submitted with an English translation." However, Applicants note that the U.S. reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,443) filed with the JP reference was the counterpart reference of JP 9-083071, and was itself considered. Therefore, Applicant submits that (1) the IDS was properly submitted, and (2) that Applicant's duty of disclosure was satisfied with respect to both references.

Respectfully submitted,

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